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Next Assembly Meeting Wednesday Mar 19th 7:30PM

Navigators Report



Worthy Sirs:

Peace be with you all. I hope the beauty of winter (sigh) only serves as a reminder of the grass seed and fertilizer in June along with the heat. I guess the ground hog meant it by more winter. I only hope no one is that secluded that they can get out for a little bit, breathe some cool air, and walk around, if not drive somewhere.

As I am writing this on the last day of February, there on the front page of today's Washington Post is a priest saying Mass in Kuwaiti. Camouflage vestments, with his troops. Interesting article, and please let me quote one particular part. "As war approaches, the canvas chapels in Kuwait's military camps and logistics bases are jammed with worshipers, many of whom have not crossed the threshold of a church back home in years. The sermons on placing faith in a higher power at moments of crisis seem to resonate now more strongly than ever with many Marines."

Thankfully, our country allows for freedom of expression, for or against the conflict, war, whatever you deem. Along with that expression is religious expression. Wednesday, March 5, 2003, is Ash Wednesday. Why do we attend Mass on Ash Wednesday? Its not a holyday. Why shower or clean up before Mass, only to have ashes put on our foreheads? As Catholic gentlemen, the reason is obvious. First, its a sacramental. Why wear the mark of sinfulness?

In the early church only public sinners wore ashes. These sinners met regularly to prepare for their reconciliation at a parish service and they formed what we would call "support groups." As penitents, they use to wear ashes on their heads or in their clothes, hence the image "sackcloth and ashes." Symbols of human mortality, ashes represented their complete dependence on the mercy of God. In the Middle Ages, the support groups dwindled, but sinners remained strong in number. Pope Urban II ordered the first Ash Wednesday in 1091 AD. Ashes were for every body, and we've been placing them on our foreheads ever since. So on Ash Wednesday as you stand in line waiting for the block cross to be placed on your forehead, think about just how much you depend on God and his mercy in your every day life.

So why the statements of our Marines and Ash Wednesday. Perhaps our dependence on God and His mercy has different style, reasoning, and meaning. From a corporal and spiritual perspective, let us pray for our service men and women as they meet the orders of our Commander-in-Chief to fulfill the objective of their mission. For those Sir Knights, and any family members who may be "on call" on the front, let's pray for them. Let us also pray this Lent for a renewal of our daily lives. Our Lord said to "be like these little ones," not in actions of age, but in humbleness of reasoning. Interesting how the design of our 4th Degree Order is patriotism, and with religious conviction.

Before I sign off, I want to particularly thank all Sir Knights who have participated in our Color Corps events. Some were canceled (like the postponement of our meeting) but the heart and commitment to attend is most gratifying. Please, remember we are having a 4th Degree Exemplification in couple of months. Its only for one day, and toned down a little. This is the time to secure the membership of a Priest and other Brother Knights. Recruit one, for the #1 Assembly.

Thank you all again. See you on March 19th at our meeting. PAX.

SK Tom Snee
Faithful Navigator



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Thanks to new Sir Knight Kevin McGrail, Webmaster. Stay up to date with activities of the Assembly. Set your Bookmarks.

**Next Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, March 19th**

The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be held at Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Parish on Wednesday, March 19th. The meeting will start with recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by *The Knight's Cafe*, a social, sit-down repast prepared by Brother Sir Knights. A business meeting will follow *The Knight's Cafe*. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

The Captains Corner

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Worthy Sir Knights:

Get Ready for the Fourth!

Here as we sit still in the chill of winter (hopefully it has warmed a bit when you read this) it is time to think of the Fourth. No, I don't refer to the warmth of the 4th of July. I expect that will be here before most of us expect it.

I am talking about the Fourth Degree exemplification. I may be wrong, but I don't think we have very many applications on signed form 4's at this time. It is time to get ready for a weekend at the beach. Virginia Beach awaits us on November 7 & 8, 2003. This will be a great site and a wonderful trip for both candidates and sponsors. Why not mark the date in your new 2003 calendar, palm pilot, blackberry or whatever you use and commit to not only being there but also getting at least one and with a little push, two candidates into the 4th Degree.

Recently the Supreme Council stated, "Now more than ever the true spirit of patriotism is needed and there is no better way of expressing it than through offering membership in the Fourth Degree."

Here are a few answers to the question, "Why should I join the Fourth Degree?"

- o You'll earn the prestige as a member of an elite group of men committed to promoting patriotism and upholding the Catholic faith.
- o You'll have the right to wear the regalia and participate in color corps and honor guards at special events. You'll have the honor to serve at the wakes and funerals of fellow Knights as a special way of paying homage to a deceased member.
- o You'll get the opportunity to share in patriotic programs. You'll be a member of the Order's patriotic arm and its most visible embodiment.
- o You'll gain a great knowledge and appreciation for our Catholic heritage and a deeper commitment to the order based on love of country.

Take the invitation and a supply of form 4's back to your Council. Get a list of your Third Degree members from you Financial Secretary. Talk up the degree and most importantly ask. I have found that the most important action is asking each member one on one. Good Luck.

Timothy G. Donovan
Faithful Pilot



Wanted! Your Ideas

The Assembly is in need of ideas for fund raising. If you have any ideas as to how we may add to our available funds please contact the Faithful Navigator (703) 569-8474, or present your ideas at our next meeting.



Remember in your prayers those Sir Knights who have passed away during month of March.

3/21/02 SK Carl J. Bender, PFN
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A WEE BIT OF ST. PATRICK

Saint: Patrick

Feast day: March 17

AKA: Maewyn Succat, his pagan birth name.

Date of birth: Around 389 in Scotland

Date of death: March 17, 461 Ireland

Patron saint of: Ireland

Background: Captured on the English mainland around age 16, and shipped to Ireland as a slave. Sent to the mountains as a shepherd, he spent his time in prayer. He escaped after six years. Studied in continental monasteries. Sent by Pope Celestine to evangelize England, then Ireland. In 33 years he converted the country. In the Middle Ages, Ireland became known as the Land of Saints, and during the Dark Ages its monasteries were the great repository of learning in Europe, all a consequence of Patrick's ministry.

St. Patrick's Prayer

This day I call to me:
God's strength to direct me,
God's power to sustain me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's vision to light me,
God's ear to my hearing,
God's word to my speaking,
God's hand to uphold me,
God's pathway before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's legions to save me.

—from A Retreat With St. Patrick

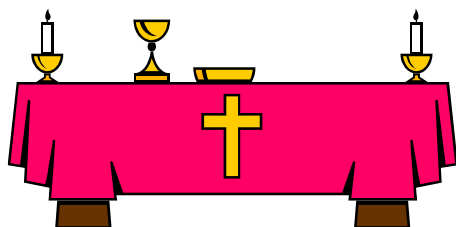


The Pilot's Message

Sir Knights:

The Sacrament of Confession is one of our most important sacraments we have in the Catholic faith. This is the process we have where we ask God to forgive us for our transgressions. God, our Supreme Being, is the only one who can forgive us has entrusted his Apostles the ministry of reconciliation. Today, Bishops and Priests continue this ministry by virtue of their holy orders. Given the delicacy and importance of reconciliation and respect due to the confessor the Church declares that every priest who hears a confession is bound under very severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins that his penitents have confessed to him. He can make no use of knowledge that a confession gives him about penitents' lives. This secret is called the "sacramental seal" because what the penitent has made known to the priest remain "sealed" by the sacrament. Currently, this is being challenged in legislation being introduced in Maryland. A bill is being introduced that would require Priests to report to authorities whenever they hear about cases of child abuse, even if it is told to them through the sacrament of confession. While a priest will not divulge "sealed" information, civil authorities will still challenge him. While child abuse is a serious offence and the abuser must be held accountable, we must still work to ensure that the "sacramental seal" remains intact.

Tim Coe
Worthy Pilot



Rite of Dedication of an Altar St. Leo the Great Catholic Church Sunday, March 2, 2003



Seldom are we given the opportunity to witness the dedication of an altar. This ancient practice was performed at St. Leo's during the Sunday Mass by Bishop Paul Loverde as he anointed the altar with holy Chrism. A practice that comes down to us from at least the time of St. Gregory the Great. The words of consecration of an altar from sacramentaries as early as that of Gelasius in the eighth century all contain explicit prayers, which refer to Christ as symbolically represented by the altar. It was the Assembly's privilege to participate in this ceremony

with its Color Corp and it performed most impressively! Twenty six members of the Corp turned out in full regalia and escorted the Bishop into and from the Church. This was one of the largest turn-outs of the Assembly's Color Corp and the Faithful Navigator extends his congratulations and **Thank You** to all who participated. Special **Thanks** go to **SK David Todd, Jr** who served as Color Corps Commander and was instrumental in assembling this large turn-out of Sir Knights. ..Ed.



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Mar 5: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins
Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day. Wear the Green
Mar 19: Assembly Meeting. Be there
Mar 19: Feast of St. Joseph
Mar 29: Founders Day. K of C

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